

## "The Happiness of a Seeking Heart"

Matthew 5:6

Wrong places to look for happiness:

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"No matter how much we see, we are never satisfied; not matter how much we hear, we are never content."  
Ecclesiastes 1:8

2. \_\_\_\_\_

"Man is always working, ever satisfied." Ecclesiastes 4:8

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"He who loves money will never have enough. The foolishness of thinking wealth brings happiness."  
Ecclesiastes 5:10

"Seek your happiness in the Lord, and He will give you your heart's desire." Psalms 37:4

Principle: Don't seek happiness, seek God!

How are we to seek God?

1. \_\_\_\_\_ our real hunger

"God humbled you by letting you go hungry and then feeding you with manna...He did this to help you realize that real life comes by obeying command of God."  
Deuteronomy 8:3

2. Stop eating spiritual \_\_\_\_\_ food

"Why spend your money on what is not bread, and your labor on what does not satisfy?" Isaiah 55:2

3. \_\_\_\_\_ around hungry people

Principle: Spiritual hunger is contagious.

4. Start looking to \_\_\_\_\_ for satisfaction

"Jesus said, 'I am the Bread of Life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty....If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever!'" John 8:35, 51

Jesus said, "Whoever drinks water will get thirsty again; but whoever drinks the water I give will never be thirsty again....It will become in him a spring of living water..." John 4:13-14.

Different levels of having a relationship with God:

- a. "\_\_\_\_\_ me" stage
- b. "\_\_\_\_\_ me" stage
- c. "\_\_\_\_\_ me" stage
- d. "\_\_\_\_\_ me" stage

"Father, I am in a dry season of my spiritual walk. It seems like the heavens are brass. It seems like my prayer life is dry, my Bible reading stale. And what's worse, Lord, is that I have lost my hunger, my thirst, and my desire for more of you. Give me that desire oh God. Give me that hunger, give me that thirst. Father, we fan the flames of hunger. May we never be the same. Set our hearts on fire."